

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE STEVE DRIEHAUS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIPARTISAN DEFICIT COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC - Representative Steve Driehaus today issued the following statement regarding the establishment by Executive Order of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform:

"I have consistently called for action to reduce the deficit, and the fiscal commission established today by the President will give us a new tool as we work to meet this challenge. If we're serious about reining in spending and getting the deficit under control, we need to put aside partisan divides and work together toward real solutions to this problem. By passing the PAYGO legislation, we have already taken steps to control the deficit, but it will take cooperation and innovation from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to get us firmly on the path toward fiscal discipline. I look forward to the commission's work, and I applaud the President's commitment to making deficit reduction a national priority."

Representative Driehaus has tirelessly supported policies to reduce the deficit and restore fiscal discipline in Washington. He voted against the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act and the FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, citing unsustainable and unnecessary increases in government spending over the long term. Additionally, he cosponsored legislation to impose Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) restrictions on new legislation and supported [legislation to stop Congressional pay raises](#)

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[Rep. Driehaus opposed the release of \\$350 billion in Troubled Asset Relief Program \(TARP\) funding](#)

due to insufficient safeguards for taxpayer dollars, and called on the administration to use repaid TARP funds to reduce the deficit.

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